



SAINT BRIDE'S PARISH, EAST KILBRIDE

Bulletin for the Fifth Sunday of Easter -
28th April 2024

MAY IS MARY'S MONTH...

In 1878, the poet Gerard Manley Hopkins (+1889), convert to Catholicism and Jesuit priest, wrote his famous work *The May Magnificat*. In it are the well-known words: "May is Mary's month, and I muse at that and wonder why: her feasts follow reason, dated due to season – Candlemas, Lady Day; but the Lady Month, May..."



Many of us would have grown up with traditions associated with the month of May: the 'May altar' in primary school - pupils bringing bunches of tulips, daffodils, and sometimes later in May, early roses, to decorate it... the focus of prayer each day in the classroom. The custom of saying a decade of the Rosary each day as part of our daily prayers at school, the crowning of the statue of Our Lady...

Many of us would have attended traditional May Devotions in honour of Our Blessed Lady in the Church in the evenings of May.

On the Mondays of May this year at Saint Bride's (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th May) at 7pm, there will be traditional May Devotions: a prayerful recitation of the Rosary, the Litany of Loreto with its beautiful titles of Our Lady, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, and the traditional hymns in honour of Our Lady. Please make a special effort to attend and honour Mary, the Mother of God.

Each morning in May we will recite the Holy Rosary and pray the Litany of Loreto at 9.35am. If you cannot attend either the May Devotions or the daily recitation of the Rosary before Mass, at least try to recite a decade of the Rosary.

In the Twelfth century, the Cistercian monk, Saint Bernard of Clairvaux (who penned the *Memorare*) wrote: "If the winds of temptation arise; if you are driven upon the rocks of tribulation look to the Star, call on Mary; if you are tossed upon the waves of pride, of ambition, envy, of rivalry, look to the Star, call on Mary. Should anger, or avarice, or fleshly desire violently assail the frail vessel of your soul, look at the Star, call upon Mary." (From *The Treatise on the Incarnation*).

Our Lady will never be outdone in repaying our devotion to her - a hundredfold!

Father McGachey

THIS WEEK AT SAINT BRIDE'S

THE CHURCH IS OPEN DAILY, EXCEPT FRIDAYS - from 9am to 6pm

HOLY MASS - Sundays: Vigil 4.30pm, 9.30am with Children's Liturgy and 11.30am

CONFESSIONS - Saturday after 10am Mass; 4pm-4.20pm and after the Vigil Mass

MONDAY-FRIDAY - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.15am

MONDAY-SATURDAY - The Holy Rosary 9.35am

WEDNESDAY - The Litany of Saint Joseph at the conclusion of the Rosary

MONDAY-SATURDAY - Holy Mass 10am

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL - Tuesdays after Mass

PRO-LIFE ROSARY - Wednesdays after 10am Mass

NOVENA TO SAINT MONICA - Thursdays after 10am Mass

When there is Requiem Mass, there is no Exposition or Rosary

1st MAY - FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH THE WORKER

Established by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to give a religious dimension to human labour and to give all workers a model and protector. Saint Joseph by his daily work as a carpenter, offered to God with patience and joy, provided for the necessities of Jesus and Mary.

On Wednesday we will have special devotions in honour of Saint Joseph at 9.45am. At 10am there will be a Solemn Mass with organ and incense. The Rosary will be recited five minutes earlier today at 9.30am.



ASCENSION THURSDAY HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday the 9th of May is the Fortieth day after Easter, the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into heaven. This is a Holyday of Obligation in Scotland.

Mass will be celebrated at the following times: Wednesday 8th May at 7pm, Thursday 9th at 10am and at 2pm in Saint Kenneth's Primary School.

PARISH FABRIC AND FINANCE

On Thursday we received notification of the Diocesan levy (the contribution each parish has to pay for the upkeep of the Diocese, 23 percent of the weekly collections) Saint Bride's parish will have to pay for the next eight months until December - £5,384.95 per month. This is much higher than it has been in recent years because the weekly income has increased at Saint Bride's: last year's weekly collection income and Giftaid return income combined was £161,000. Sincere thanks for your financial generosity.

We had to buy a new throat microphone and receiver box last week at the cost of £619. For the past five months we have been using a mic and receiver from another parish - which helped solve the problems that we had been experiencing over the past eighteen months with the throat mic - it was broken and obsolete. The new mic is more robust and hopefully we will have no more problems.

The high windows by the main entrance Church have been cleaned this week. They were in a terrible state, thick with cobwebs and silt from the bricks and cement.

CALENDAR



Monday is the memorial of **Saint Catherine of Siena** (+1380). As a young woman, she became a lay member of the Dominican Order and acquired great influence by the example of her life of prayer and penance. She appealed continually for peace and reform in the Church

and was one of the leading figures of the fourteenth century. She is buried in the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, behind the Pantheon in Rome - the Church made famous by the film *The Cardinal* (1965) directed by Otto Preminger and well worth watching if you get the chance! On **Tuesday** we keep the memorial of **Pope Saint Pius V** (+1572). A member of the Dominican Order, he was sixty-two when he was elected. His Pontificate though short, was one of the most fruitful of the sixteenth century. In response to the Protestant Reformation, he convoked the Council of Trent (Italy) and applied its decrees and reforms. He reformed too the liturgical books of the Church which would be used till the mid 1960s. As a Dominican he wore a white habit and continued to use it when elected Pope. This is the reason why the Pontiffs still wear a white soutane or cassock today.

Wednesday is the feast of **Saint Joseph the Worker** - see above. On **Thursday**, we remember **Saint Athanasius**, Bishop of Alexandria in Egypt and a great defender of the faith. Throughout his life he opposed the Arian heresy: the denial that Christ was God's Son. This turned Christ into a mere man, only higher in grace than other men, in the eyes of God. He was persecuted for upholding the truth about Jesus and was forced from his diocese five times by the Arians. **Friday** is the feast of the Apostles **Saints Philip and James**. The Apostle Philip was one of Our Lord's first disciples, called soon after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan. Saint James, often called the Lesser, was from Cana of Galilee. After Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit, he became Bishop of Jerusalem.

200 CLUB

This week's winner is Stephen Phimister. Please collect your cheque from the Sacristy.

THIRD WORLD GROUP

STUDIO 32 are holding a Charity Concert in the Pastoral Centre on Friday 26th April for the Third World Group, with all proceeds going to Mary's Meals. The Hall will be open from 7pm, and the concert begins at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £8 and are available from Committee members or by calling 01355 222430. The bar will be open.

GLASGOW KILT WALK

Margaret Mary Cowan and Yvonne Kirkwood are taking part in the Glasgow KiltWalk on Sunday 28th April walking 23 miles for their chosen charities. Kilbryde Hospice and Cancer Research. If anyone would like to donate online please use the following links. Thank you in advance. <https://www.justgiving.com/page/margaret-cowan-1699691464271newPage=true>

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PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Clare (Slorach) Keane, Drew and Monica McShane, Catherine Morris, Amanda Sherwood, Mary Easton, Pat McElroy, Jean O'Neil, Mary Connor (Canada), Margaret Rose McMahan, Richard O'Donnell, Owen O'Donnell, Jean Lafferty, Frank Kirk, Mary O'Brien, Margaret Murphy, Father Pierre Potie (France), Father Bill Tollan, Brian Ewing, Alan MacDonald, Jan Milligan, Catherine McLean.

RECENTLY DEAD - Catherine Weir, Eileen Biggins, Catherine Kelly, Mary Friar, Arthur McHugh (Sutton Colfield), Adele Marsh, Rita McKay, Paul Reid, Maureen McDermott.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS AND BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Brian Curran, Liz Gallagher, Cassie McGee, Tom Coll sen., Dennis Maguire, John Connor, Paul Dyet, Mark Smith.

FUNERALS

Eileen Biggins - Vigil and Reception on Monday 29th April at 6pm. Requiem Mass on Tuesday 30th April at 10am.

Mary Friar - Reception Tuesday 7th May at 6pm. Requiem Mass on Wednesday 8th May at 10am.

Catherine Kelly - Requiem Mass Tuesday 14th May 10am.

Catherine Weir - Requiem Mass Friday 17th May 10am.

WEEKLY OFFERINGS - SINCERE THANKS

Sunday 20th April - £2665. This included the Basket Collection and Standing Orders in favour of the Parish. You may wish to make a one-off donation to the Parish or take out a Standing Order in favour of the Parish. Offerings can be made by Bank Transfer, the details of which are as follows: St Brides Parish 10246966 and 80-12-97.

CATHOLIC TEACHER APPROVAL

Those wishing to teach in the Catholic sector are reminded that it is first necessary to obtain approval from your Parish Priest to show that you accept and live Catholic Faith. For those living in Saint Bride's, this means from Father McGachey. This applies to those about to enrol in the teacher training Course, those about to start as probationary teachers and all those applying for teaching posts (promoted or otherwise) within the Catholic Sector. If you have any questions, please speak to Father McGachey.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

If you wish to donate by Bank Transfer to Saint Vincent De Paul Society, the details are: SSVP, Sort Code 82 - 62 - 24, Account No. 20538417. If you are in need, or know someone who is in need of help, please contact John Mullen on 07712 903732.